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ADDIS ABABA FROM SECSTATE 13 MAR 73 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: US ATTENDANCE AT OSLO CONFERENCE

REFS: A) STATE 6648, B) STATE 032630, C) STATE 021294

LONDON FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM

1. DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THAT US GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE
REPRESENTED AT OSLO CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID AND COLONIAL-
ISM. WE INTEND TO COMMUNICATE THIS DECISION TO UNSYG
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE WISH
TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT, TOGETHER WITH BRITISH, TO PERSUADE
FRENCH TO TAKE SAME POSITION.

2. FOR LONDON: YOU SHOULD INFORM BRITISH THAT WE HAVE
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DECIDED NOT TO ATTEND OSLO CONFERENCE. HOWEVER IN THIS CONNECTION WE STRONGLY HOPE BRITISH WILL JOIN US IN MAKING PARALLEL DEMARCHE TO FRENCH. WE FEEL THAT CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN BRITISH AND FRENCH IN COMMON MARKET CONTEXT MAY INCREASE CHANCES OF CONVINCING THEM.

3. US DECISION BASED ON VIEW THAT CONFERENCE WOULD (A) BE PROPAGANDA FORUM FOR BRINGING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON NATO MEMBERS, (B) ADOPT UNACCEPTABLE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WITH WHICH THOSE IN ATTENDANCE WOULD INEVITABLY BE ASSOCIATED, (C) BE CONTENTIOUS AND DUPLICATIVE OF UN PROCEEDINGS, (D) GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO UNACCEPTABLE STATUS FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, (E) BE UNHEALTHY PRECEDENT FOR UN TO SPONSOR, AS IT WOULD BE ONE- SIDED DISCUSSION OF AFFAIRS OF TWO UN MEMBERS PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED -- PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA -- WITHOUT THEIR EVEN HAVING BEEN INVITED.

4. FOR PARIS: REQUEST YOU URGENTLY INFORM LONDON OF LINE YOU PLAN TO TAKE IN ORDER PERSUADE FRENCH IT NOT IN THEIR INTEREST TO ATTEND. POINTS TO BE COVERED MAY INCLUDE THOSE LISTED ABOVE OR OTHERS YOU THINK MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE. WE ASSUME BRITISH WILL WISH MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH TO FRENCH BUT IN ANY EVENT YOU SHOULD PROCEED WITH DEMARCHE BY END OF THIS WEEK.

5. FOR USUN: DEPARTMENT DRAFTING NOTE TO UNSYG AS FOLLOWUP TO INTERIM REPLY PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL.

6. FOR OSLO AND ADDIS ABABA: WE WOULD EXPECT YOU TO INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF US DECISION AT SAME TIME NOTE DELIVERED TO UN. WILL NOTIFY YOU WHEN NOTE SCHEDULED DELIVERY.

7. FOR LISBON: DEPARTMENT ALSO PLANS INFORM PORTUGUESE IN WASHINGTON BY FRIDAY. ROGERS UNQUOTE
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